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This Club for this year has followed the plan of having a good speaker at all the meetings. A regular committee arranged these meetings and the speakers were selected with the view of getting for the members all the information on subjects of interest to the Forestry profession.

The first speaker of the year was Dr. McKahn who gave the club a talk on first aid with special problems liable to come up when one is in the woods. Resuscitation and the problem of rescuing drowning persons was stressed.

Prof. A. B. Caine of the Animal Husbandry Department spoke to the club on the Selection of Saddle Horses Suitable for Use in the Forestry work. Prof. Caine told how the western horse came from Spain and ran over the prairies for many years. He said that a good weight for a saddle horse for Range work would be about 900 pounds to 1,200 pounds, the weight depending upon the amount the horse was to carry.

As a Forester has occasion to use a gun quite often the committee thought it would be only right to get some one that was an expert on the subject of fire arms. Major J. K. Boles of the United States army who was a member of the U. S. Rifle team that won the world's championship last fall in open competition in Rome, Italy, was secured as speaker. He gave the club a very interesting talk on the selection of rifles and pistols; the care of the rifle and pistol; the cleaning and the shooting of the rifle and pistol. He also gave some very interesting side lights on the Rifle Matches in Italy.

Prof. H. E. Bemis of the Veterinary faculty was the next speaker and he brought to us the subject, Endurance Tests for Horses. Prof. Bemis was one of the judges in a recent Endurance Contest for Saddle Horses. He brought out the marvelous way horses can travel and the time they can make when traveling steadily for many days. He also indicated the defects which will hinder a horse in such a contest and the way some of these defects are overcome.

The next speaker was Dr. Dill of Iowa University. His talk was on the Birds of Layson Island. His talk was illustrated with lantern slides. He told of the work being done in the protection of wild fowl and the many migratory birds which nest on the Island.
OUR CHANGING FACULTY

Prof. G. C. Morbeck is on a leave of absence this year, doing special field work for the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison. Recent letters tell us he is in the Southland among the Colonels. We have greatly missed Prof. and his Paul Bunyun stories, and a hearty welcome is awaiting him on his return.

Perkins Coville, a graduate of Cornell, came to us last fall to take charge of the Wood Technology, Wood Preservation, Woods of Commerce and a few of the Farm Forestry courses. Before coming to Ames Coville had practical experience in Eastern Canada, Louisiana, and on the Pacific Coast.

“Deed” Poshusta returned last fall to continue his M. S. work, and to handle a few Farm Forestry classes. Poshusta has been located on the Gallatin National Forest in the grazing reconnaissance work, and is now on a leave of absence from the service.

WEN MING LING

Ling is our only Chinese Forester. He received his M. S. in June, 1922, and then went with the fellows to North Carolina. When camp broke up Ling left for a tour of Europe, the Mediterranean and India. Late in the fall he reached his native province of Fukien. At present he is superintendent of the Fukien Industrial Mission School, Fukien, China. Now we can say that the sun never sets on Ames Foresters.

I. A. F. C. NEWS

The annual convention of the Intercollegiate Association of Forestry Clubs was held at Missoula, Montana this year. William Nagle, class of '14, represented the local club. It was with real joy that a telegram was received the morning of March 10th advising us that we had been elected the President Club for 1924. Ames Foresters greatly appreciate the honor which has thus come to them, and already the present officers are making plans for the next convention, the date of which will probably be sometime in the first week of March. “Brother Forestry Clubs—meet us in Ames in 1924.”